Windbreak Interpretations

Farmstead windbreaks protect livestock, buildings, and yards from wind and snow. They also protect fruit trees and gardens, and they furnish habitat for wildlife. Several rows of low-growing and high-growing broadleaf and coniferous trees and shrubs provide the most protection.

Field windbreaks are narrow plantings made at right angles to the prevailing wind and at specific intervals across the field. The interval depends on the erodibility of the soil. Field windbreaks protect cropland and crops from wind, help to keep snow on the fields, increase crop yields, and provide food and cover for wildlife.

Each tree or shrub species has certain climatic and physiographic limits. Within these parameters a tree or shrub may be well or poorly suited because of soil characteristics. Each tree or shrub also has definable potentials of height growth based on the soil type and climate.

Information in this subsection, which includes windbreak suitability groups and a windbreak and environmental plantings table, can be used as a guide in planning windbreaks and screens.

This subsection includes:

• (a) Trees and Shrubs for Windbreak and Environmental Plantings

Map symbol and soil name	Trees having predicted 20-year average height, in feet, of					
	<8	8-15 	16-25 	26-35	>35	
AlC:	 American plum; fragrant sumac 	 gray dogwood 	 Amur maple; eastern redcedar; nannyberry; Washington hawthorn	 baldcypress; common hackberry; green ash; northern red oak	 - eastern white pine - -	
Ar: ARBELA	 American plum; fragrant sumac	 blackhaw; gray dogwood 	 eastern redcedar; nannyberry; Washington hawthorn	 baldcypress; green ash; sweetgum	eastern white pine; pin oak	
AsC2: ARMSTER	 fragrant sumac 	 American plum; gray dogwood; southern arrowwood	 eastern redbud; eastern redcedar; Washington hawthorn	green ash; northern red oak; tuliptree; white fir	 - eastern white pine - 	
AsD2: ARMSTER	 fragrant sumac 	 American plum; gray dogwood; southern arrowwood	 eastern redbud; eastern redcedar; Washington hawthorn	green ash; northern red oak; tuliptree; white fir	 eastern white pine 	
Bk: BLACKOAR	 buttonbush 	 possumhaw 	 eastern arborvitae; eastern redcedar; nannyberry	 baldcypress; common hackberry; pin oak	 - eastern cottonwood -	
Br: BLACKOAR	 buttonbush 	 possumhaw 	 - eastern arborvitae; eastern redcedar; nannyberry	 baldcypress; common hackberry; pin oak 	 eastern cottonwood 	
ARBELA	 American plum; fragrant sumac 	 blackhaw; gray dogwood 	 eastern redcedar; nannyberry; Washington hawthorn	 baldcypress; green ash; sweetgum 	 eastern white pine; pin oak 	
Ch: CHARITON	 buttonbush 	 possumhaw 	 - eastern arborvitae; eastern redcedar; nannyberry	 baldcypress; common hackberry; pin oak 	 eastern cottonwood 	

Map symbol	Trees having predicted 20-year average height, in feet, of					
and soil name	<8	8-15	16-25	26-35	>35	
Cm: CHEQUEST	 buttonbush 	 possumhaw 	eastern arborvitae; eastern redcedar; nannyberry	baldcypress; common hackberry; pin oak	 eastern cottonwood 	
Co:	 buttonbush 	 possumhaw 	 eastern arborvitae; eastern redcedar; nannyberry	 baldcypress; common	 eastern cottonwood 	
Ed:	 buttonbush 	 possumhaw 	 eastern arborvitae; eastern redcedar; nannyberry	baldcypress; common hackberry; pin oak	eastern cottonwood	
Fa: FATIMA	 American plum; fragrant sumac 	 blackhaw; gray dogwood 	 eastern redcedar; nannyberry; Washington hawthorn	baldcypress; green ash; sweetgum	eastern white pine; pin oak	
GaD2: GARA	 fragrant sumac 	 American plum; gray dogwood; southern arrowwood 	 eastern redbud; eastern redcedar; Washington hawthorn	green ash; northern red oak; tuliptree; white fir		
GaE2: GARA	 fragrant sumac 	 American plum; gray dogwood; southern arrowwood 	 eastern redbud; eastern redcedar; Washington hawthorn	green ash; northern red oak; tuliptree; white fir	 eastern white pine 	
GfB: GIFFORD	 	 	 	 	 	
GfC2: GIFFORD		 		i 	i I	

Map symbol and soil name	Trees having predicted 20-year average height, in feet, of					
	<8	8-15	16-25 	26-35	>35	
GoC2: GORIN	 fragrant sumac; ninebark 	 Amur maple; gray dogwood; possumhaw 	 eastern redcedar 			
KLB: KILWINNING	 fragrant sumac; ninebark 	Amur maple; gray dogwood; possumhaw	 eastern redcedar 	Austrian pine; common hackberry; honeylocust; Norway spruce; pin oak		
LaC: LAMONI	 	 	 	 		
LaD: LAMONI	 	 	 	 		
dD2: LINDLEY	 	 	 	 		
de2: LINDLEY	 	 	 	 		
dF2: LINDLEY	 	 	 	 		
Ma: MARION	 fragrant sumac; ninebark 	 Amur maple; gray dogwood; possumhaw 	 eastern redcedar 			
Qu: LIME STONE QUARRY	 	 	 	 		

Scotland County, Missouri Windbreaks and Environmental Plantings

Map symbol and soil name	Trees having predicted 20-year average height, in feet, of						
	<8	8-15	16-25	26-35 	>35		
VgB: VIGAR	 	 blackhaw; gray dogwood	 - eastern redcedar; nannyberry; Washington hawthorn	 baldcypress; green ash; sweetgum 	 - eastern white pine; pin oak 		
W: WATER	 	 	 	 	 		
Wa: WABASH	 buttonbush 	 possumhaw 	 eastern arborvitae; eastern redcedar; nannyberry	 baldcypress; common hackberry; pin oak 	 eastern cottonwood 		
We: WESTERVILLE	 American plum; fragrant sumac 	 blackhaw; gray dogwood 	 eastern redcedar; nannyberry; Washington hawthorn 	 baldcypress; green ash; sweetgum 	 eastern white pine; pin oak 		